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In re application of Kei-Yu Ko )  
Serial No. 09/579,402 )  
Filed: May 25, 2000 ) Art Unit  
For: GATE STACK STRUCTURE ) 2815  
Examiner: Eugene Lee )

PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicant submits this proposal for correction of the drawings, which is being filed as a separate paper simultaneously with an Amendment "A" and Response of the captioned patent application.

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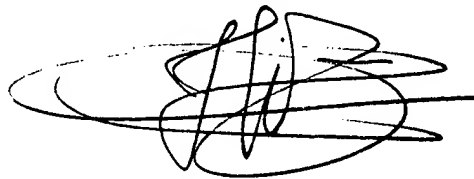
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In the event that the Examiner encounters an issue which could be clarified by a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned attorney.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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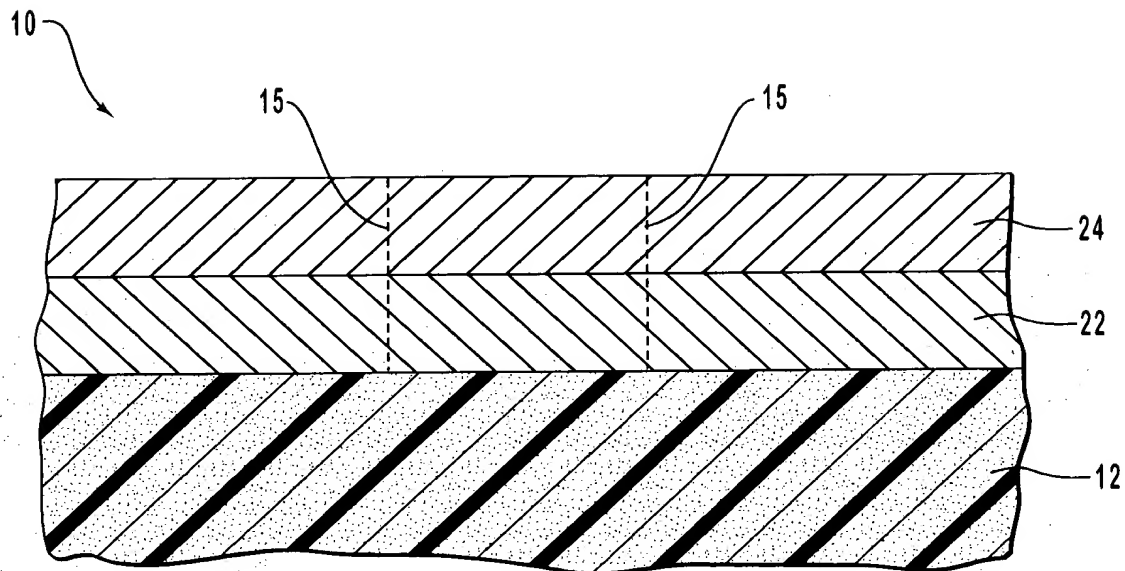


FIG. 1

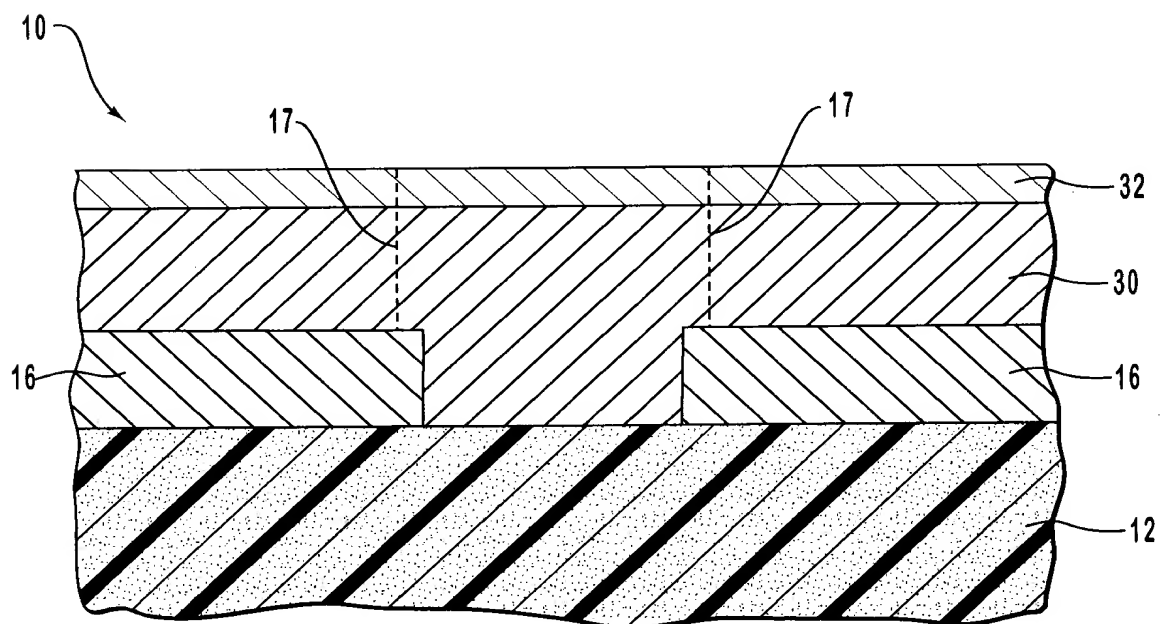


FIG. 2

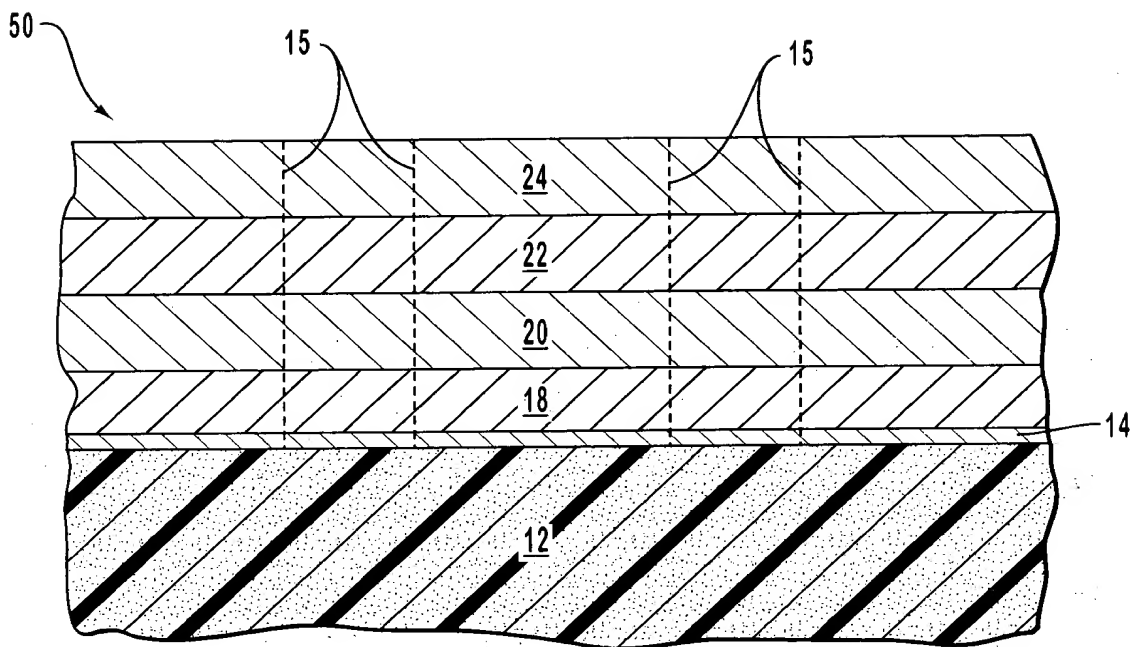


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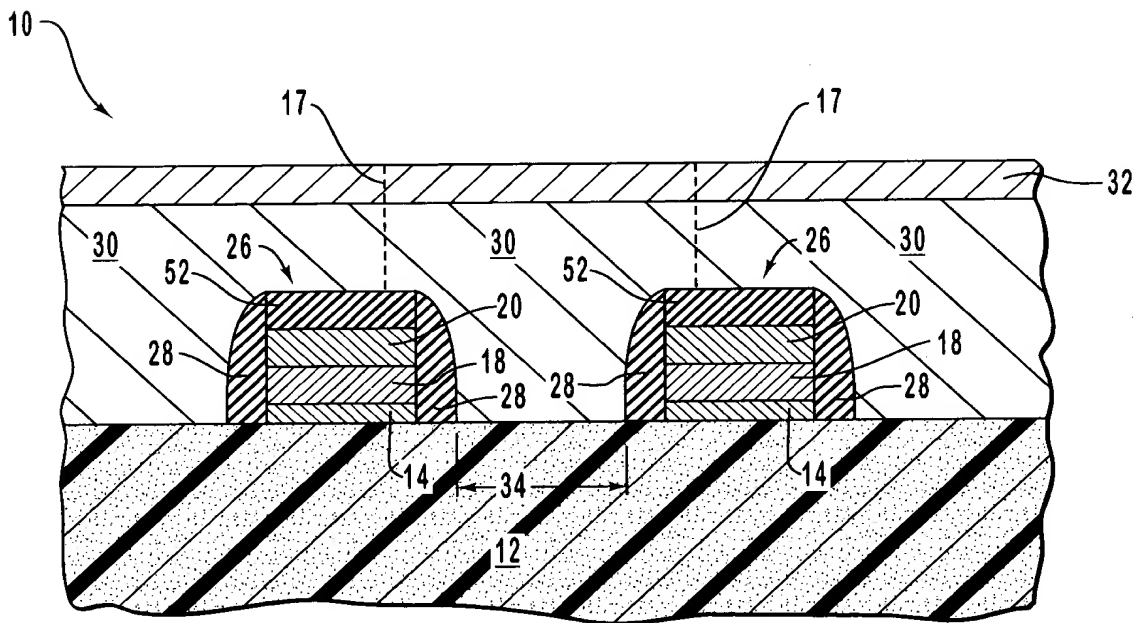


FIG. 4

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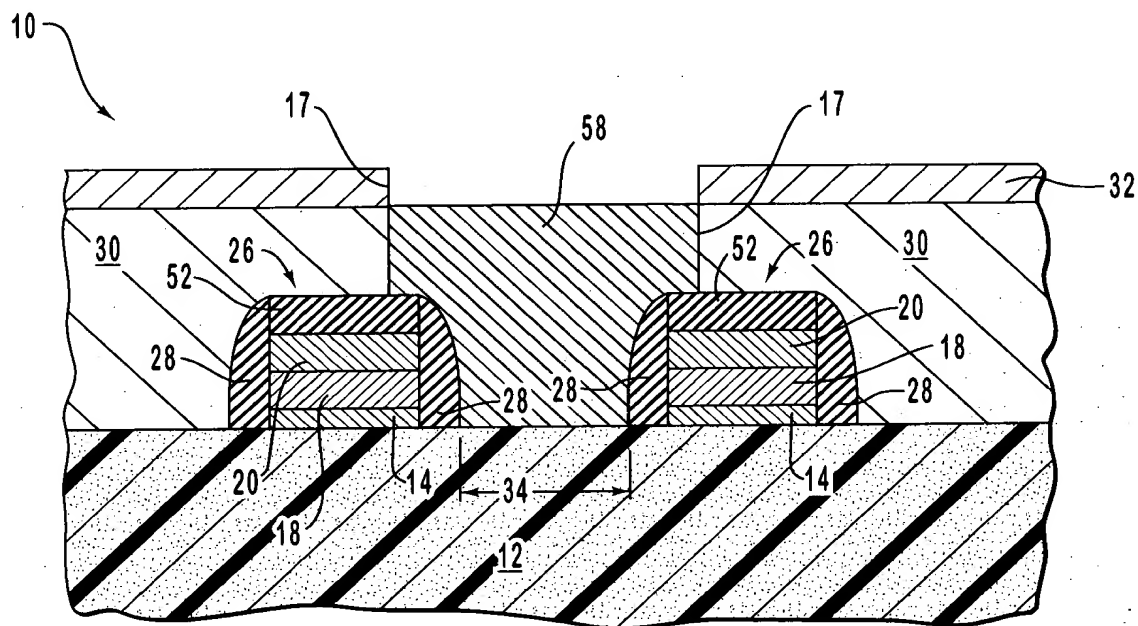


FIG. 5

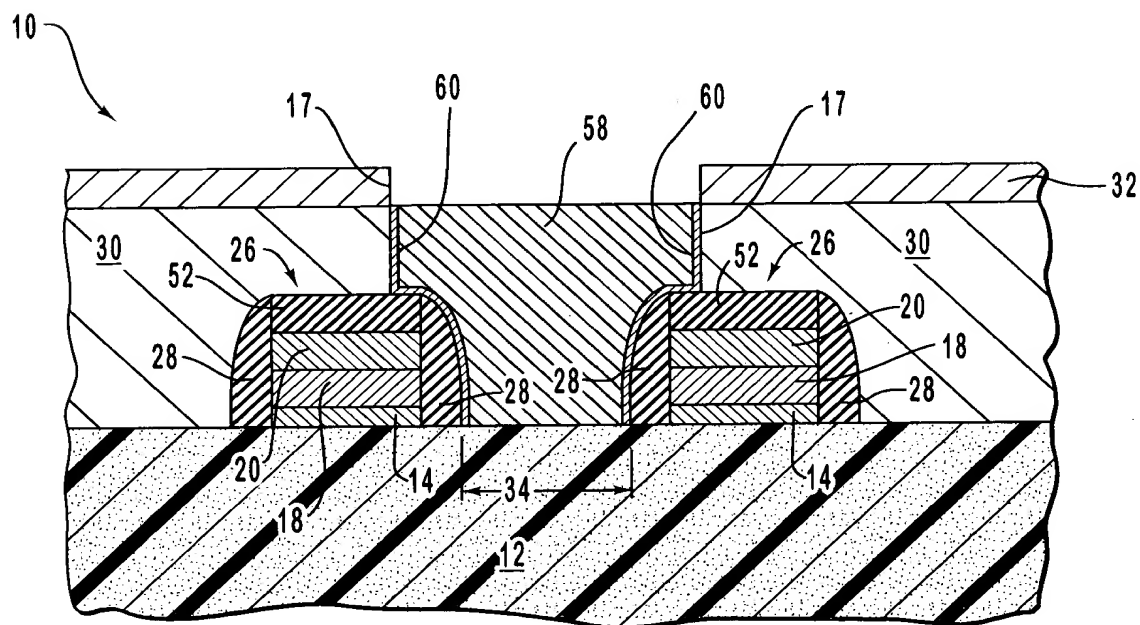


FIG. 6